

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

##### **Call to Order:**

00:00:02

By **CHAIRMAN JIM PETERSON**, on January 10, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

##### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jim Peterson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Christopher Harris, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. David E. Wanzenried (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 57, 1/6/2005; HB 77, 1/6/2005;  
HB 147, 1/6/2005

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 77**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:48 REP. BERNIE OLSON (R), HD 10, opened the hearing  
on HB 77, Increase septic pumper application  
review fees.

**EXHIBIT(nah06a01)**

Amendment discussed

00:05:55

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:44 REP. JOHN WARD with Amendment  
00:09:19 Edward A. Thamke, Bureau Chief, Montana Department  
of Environmental Quality

**EXHIBIT(nah06a02)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:55 REP. JOHN WARD without Amendment

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:23 REP. BROWN  
00:13:58 REP. JOPEK  
00:15:39 REP. ROSS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:04 REP. BERNIE OLSON (R), HD 10, closed the hearing  
on HB 77.

**HEARING ON HB 147**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:41

REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 147, Allow  
multiple small quarries under one operating permit.

**EXHIBIT(nah06a03)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:28 Warren McCullough, Department of Environmental  
Quality

**EXHIBIT (nah06a04)**

00:28:07 Art Vail, Plum Creek Timber Company, Flathead Unit

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:21 REP. ROSS  
00:31:13 REP. EVERETT  
00:33:16 REP. FUREY

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:04 REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, closed the hearing on  
HB 147.

**HEARING ON HB 57**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:09

REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 57,  
DEQ cost recovery for hazardous substance releases.

00:40:20 Amendment

**EXHIBIT (nah06a05)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:41:53 Derek Goldman, Montana Audubon

**EXHIBIT (nah06a06)**

00:43:11 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council  
00:43:31 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information  
Center

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:44:09 Sandy Olson, Dept of Environmental Quality

**EXHIBIT (nah06a07)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:46	REP. JOPEK
00:46:48	REP. ROSS
00:48:17	REP. WANZENRIED
00:50:23	REP. HEINERT
00:53:47	REP. FUREY
00:55:01	CHAIRMAN PETERSON
00:55:54	REP. CLARK
00:58:27	REP. HEINERT
01:01:15	CHAIRMAN PETERSON
01:02:56	REP. EVERETT
01:04:23	REP. BARRETT
01:05:05	REP. JOPEK

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:48	REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, closed the hearing on HB 57.
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

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REP. JIM PETERSON, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([nah06aad0.PDF](#))**